

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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TELEGRAM

INDICATE
☐ COLLECT
☐ CHARGE TO

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FROM	AmEmbassy BUENOS AIRES	CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED
11652:	GDS		
TAGS:	CASC, AR (BENDER, Mercedes Naveiro)		
SUBJECT:	W/W Abduction, Mistreatment and Release From Detention of AMCIT		
ACTION:	SecState WASHDC IMMEDIATE		
DECAPTIONED			
FOR ARA/APU			
BUENOS AIRES 3336			
<p>1. Mercedes Naveiro Bender, permanent resident of Buenos Aires, naturalized American citizen, reported to the Embassy she was abducted and severely physically mistreated by a combined police/military group on May 5 and released May 7. She is now in Buenos Aires with her American citizen children and is considering leaving Argentina.</p> <p>2. She has insisted that Embassy make no representations whatsoever on this case to GOA authorities because she feared reprisals against her and her children. Embassy has so far refrained from representations on her behalf.</p> <p>3. This is interim report for Department's advance information since clarification of the details of this ^{bizarre} bizarre case have caused repeated delays in reporting. Given reliability of sources</p>			
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CONS:GHuey (in substance)

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release () Excise () Deny

Exemption(s):

Declassify: () In Part ☒ In Full

() Classify as () Extend as () Downgrade to

Date Declassify on Reason

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of our information, Embassy tends to believe essential elements of Mrs. Bender's statement that she was abducted and mistreated by individuals connected with the Argentine Security Forces, whether or not they are operating with the official approval of the GOA.

4. Full report follows soonest.

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